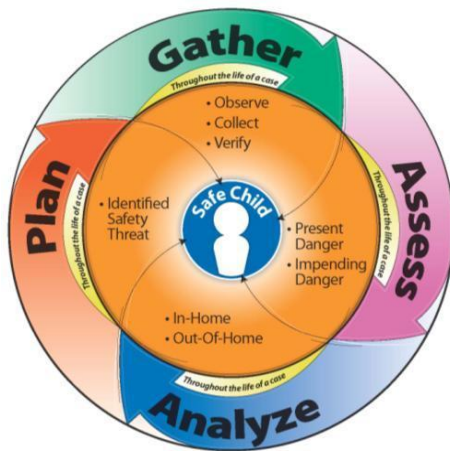




“Safety is the primary and essential focus that informs and guides ALL decisions made from Intake through case closure.”



Child Safety Framework

What is the Child Safety Framework?

It is the foundation for assessing child safety that:

- Informs and guides child safety decisions throughout the life of a case.
- Provides precise language and clear definitions.
- Strengthens child safety assessments and planning.
- Will guide appropriate placement decisions.

How does it differ from other models?

Rather than assuming child safety is only an issue when child welfare professionals first become involved in the life of a child and family, it assesses child safety throughout the life of a case. Rather than being an incident-based approach to safety assessment and planning, it is an information-based approach. It looks for present safety threats and impending safety threats.

In all areas of involvement with child welfare families the Children's Administration social worker will gather, assess, analyze and plan based on available information.

Gather:

The Child Safety Framework uses six areas of focus when gathering information.

- Extent of maltreatment
- Circumstances accompanying the maltreatment
- Child functioning
- Parenting disciplines
- Parenting practices
- Parents daily functions (outside of the role of parental unit)

Assess:

- Weigh all gathered information.
- Assign significance of information.
- Determine if safety threats exist.

Analyze:

- Understand how the safety threat operates in the family.
- What? Who? When? Where? How does the safety threat present?

Plan:

- Focuses on identified safety threats.
- All children identified as unsafe will have a safety plan that controls and manages the identified safety threats.

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